droughts, irrigation facilities, availability of good quality of seeds & other inputs impact agriculture production & productivity.

(c) As per available information, the number of samples of fertilizers and insecticides found non standard during last two years are:-

Year	Fertilizer	Insecticides
2005-06	6728	2100
2006-07	4345	1405

(d) Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985 ensures that fertilizer which meet the standards of quality laid down in the Order are produced and sold to the farmers. Similarly, the quality and sale of pesticides and insecticides are regulated under the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968. The State Governments/UTs are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action against those found indulged in production & sale of non standard fertilizer under the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985/Essential Commodities Act, 1955/Insecticides Act, 1968. To ensure that the farmers get the standard quality of inputs, States have been advised to regularly check the quality of fertilizers & insecticides.

NATPs recommendations on agricultural research

9. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agricultural Technology Project of World Bank has given any recommendations to help Indian agricultural research by making it more responsive to the technology needs at the grassroots; and

(b) if so, how the farming systems in the disadvantaged rain fed regions like Vidarbha where a large number of farmers are resorting to suicides due to poverty level being high especially in districts like Yavatmal would get the intended benefits and relief invisaged in NATP through sustainable use of natural resources land and water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The farming systems in the districts like Yavatmal would get the benefits of technological and other complimentary interventions through sustainable use of natural resources, land and water by soil analysis, introduction of improved/new field/horticultural crops promotion of medicinal plants cultivation, forestry trees, fodder cultivation, use of integrated pest management & use of integrated nutrient management practices and promotion of post-harvest management practices.

Guidelines on NATP

10. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether detailed guidelines have been issued on the recommendations made in the World Bank aided National Agricultural Technology Project, completed in June, 2006 costing US$ 249 Millions;